Appomattox County Library

by Verna Conner

We are happy to announce that from now on the County Library will have bound editions of The Times-Virginian each year. The one for 1974 is on display now. We have Mr. Lloyd Vaughan, editor of our local paper to thank for giving us these. Also this week we were given a set of Childcraft by Mrs. Celia Beamer. Thank you both very much.

If for some reason we have not thanked all of the people who have been so good to give books to the library, we do now. Our paper-back book holder is full and all given to us. Even though we may already have the book you gave us be assured it will not be thrown away. They wear out fast and have to be replaced so that is where the new ones come in handy.

Most of you know about the religious books in the library but for the benefit of those who don't, I will mention a few good ones. Try to read "Help! I'm a Layman" by Ken Chafin. He says that too often our pastors treat us only as fund raisers or cooks or give us other busy work to do when what we are needing is something more meaningful.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer has written a book called "The Cost of Discipleship". As you may remember, the author was hanged by the Nazi S. S. Black Guards on April 9, 1945. He was only 39 but by the quality of his faith and life he had won a sure place in the respect and affection of Christians in Germany and the World.

"John Doe, Disciple" is a book on sermons for the young in spirit. It is by Peter Marshall. In the preface, written by his son, is this paragraph, "It has been fourteen years since the death of my father and now I am preparing at Princeton Seminary to go into the ministry. I am being guided to carry out Christ's Ministry to men not so much to follow in my father's footsteps as to follow the footsteps of my Lord". I highly recommend this book to everyone.

Another book which our Baptist friends will appreciate is called "The Baptist Deacon". The Author, Robert E. Naylor is the son of a Baptist minister. He starts off with the need for deacons today and continues with a discussion of their selection and qualifications.

"There can be nothing more clear and more unmistaken", says William Barclay in the book "Fishers of Men", than the commission of the evangelist, Jesus Christ, when he said, "Follow Me".

"The Becomers" by Keith Miller was given to the library by the Rev. Cecil Dalton. It answers the question of what happens to a person after becoming a Christian.

"Living the Great Adventure" is a collection of true stories told by people who do not try to impress one with their spirituality. It is easy to find one story which fits you.

Eugenia Price whose novels are familiar to many has written a foreword in the book, "Total Prayer for Total Living" by Thomas A. Carruth. She says "Dr. Carruth is not only a much beloved prayer leader all over God's world, he is man whom God can trust."

If you have never used the devotional books in the library you have missed something. There are old ones and new ones and also books for installation services. To name a few - "Dynamic Devotionals for Men, Women's Programs for Special Occasions; Devotional Talks on Everyday Objects; How to Give a Devotion; Please Give a Devotion; Inspiring Devotional Programs for Women's groups; Installation Services for All Groups."

Stonewall

"For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." Romans 6:23

We extend our sympathy to the family of Mr. B. Taylor of Tennessee, who was raised in this neighborhood and died Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Davidson and family were Sunday guest of Mr. Osborn and Crawford Davidson.

Mrs. Annie D. Horsley remains about the same.

Mr. Edward Davidson is home with Mr. and Mrs. Tom Davidson.

Mrs. Ruby Carson, of Lynchburg, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Carson, of Philadelphia visited The Carsons, Bert Stratton and I. B. Wheeler last week.

Mrs. Hazel Gillaspie visited in Big Island Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Stratton were dinner guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Stratton, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Wheeler, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Jones, Richard and Irby visited Mr. and Mrs. I. B. Wheeler Sunday, also Mr. Aubrey Burnett.

Mr. Irby Jones spent several days with his grandparents last week.

Mr. Richard Jones visited Mrs. Nina and Elsie Caldwell Sunday afternoon, also Mrs. Elsie Kranta, Mrs. Judy Elliott and Mr. and Mrs. Booker.

Mrs. Nina Caldwell went to Lynchburg Friday and had the cast removed. She has a sling to put her arm in now and is getting along nicely.

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Occupation _____ Number of Years _____
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Estimated average daily time spent outdoors ____ hours.
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History of skin cancer in other members of family? ____ Father ____ Mother ____ Siblings
History of x-ray treatment for acne or other skin conditions? yes ____ no ____
Does patient use arsenic-containing insecticides or spray? yes ____ no ____
Does patient regularly come in contact with tar or creosote? yes ____ no ____
Color of hair (original color) blond ____ red ____ brown ____ black ____
Color of eyes - blue ____ green ____ brown ____ other ____
Complexion - freckled ____ ruddy ____ dark ____ pale ____
Does patient regularly wear a hat with a brim in summer? yes ____ no ____ In winter? ____
Does patient regularly use a sun screening preparation? yes ____ no ____

Have moles rapidly enlarged or darkened recently? yes ____ no ____
Are there any places on the skin which are sore and will not heal? yes ____ no ____
Does patient have any sore or irritated places in the mouth? yes ____ no ____
Does patient smoke cigarettes? yes ____ no ____
Does patient smoke a pipe? yes ____ no ____
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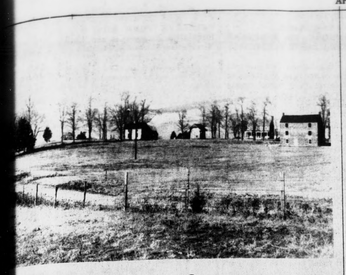

The Alfred Torrence Family (picture taken around 1915) Front row (l. to r.) Ida (Obrien), Burke, Alfred, Aggie, George, Hallie (Morris) second row (l. to r.) John, Levia (Woodson), Irie, Sam, Gene, Arthur, Sara, (Agee) Charlie, and Jessee.

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2. When sixty shares shall have subscribed, the subscribers, their executors, administrators and assigns shall be and are hereby incorporated into a company by the name and style of "The James River and Clover Hill Plank Road Company", subject to the provisions of chapters fifty-seven and sixty-one of the Code of Virginia: Provided, that the said company shall construct the said road not less than twenty feet wide, and covered not less than eight feet wide, and that its grade shall nowhere exceed five degrees.

3. The Board of public works are hereby directed, so soon as they shall be satisfied that sixty shares of the capital stock of said company have been subscribed by individuals other than the commonwealth, solvent and able to pay, to subscribe on behalf of the Commonwealth for three-fifths of the capital stock of said company, and to pay the same pari passu with the payment of individuals subscriptions. And the said board are directed to borrow the amount necessary to pay the commonwealth's subscription comfortably to the provisions of the existing laws.

4. That parts or portions of the present public roads and highways in the counties through which the said road shall pass, May be taken and used by said company to construct their road thereon. Provided That The County Courts in which the said roads may be shall consent thereto and so direct.

5. That the said company shall commence the construction of said work within two years from the passage of this act, and complete the same within five years thereafter.

6. This act shall be in force from its passage.

No mention of this company has ever been found since and it can only be assumed either that the necessary number of subscribers could not be found or that some other financial trouble occurred. Whatever the case, let's all be thankful that plank roads are no longer the vogue.

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(Author's Note: The information for this article was provided by Dennis Torrence).

The third Sunday in August is the annual reunion of the families of Alfred Early and Mary Agnes (Coleman) Torrence of Appomattox County. To this date there are 383 members of this family. Alfred and Aggie had 13 children, 9 sons and 4 daughters. They lived in the late eighteen hundreds and early nineteen hundreds on a farm located 1½ miles east of the Appomattox Historical Park on Road 627.

Presently living on the Torrence family farm is Jesse Layfette Torrence, the only surviving child of Alfred and Aggie Torrence. The farm, now a dairy operation, is owned by Jesse and his son, Elliott.

The Torrence family was one of the very old English families who were represented in America in the early seventeen hundreds. The great, great, great, great, great grandfather of the today's Torrence youngsters was Moses Torrence. Moses and two brothers were the original Torrences to come to America from England. Moses died in 1785.

Moses and Martha Torrence had two sons. Andrew and Joseph, and one daughter, Rebecca. The Appomattox Torrence family descended from Rebecca who married an Aaron Torrence.

Rebecca and Aaaron had five children, one of which was Aaron, Jr., who settled in Appomattox. Aaron, Jr. and his wife had three children. The first was Henry Clay Torrence who married a Rosser; the second was Pleasant A. Torrence who married a Bagby; and the third was Alfred Early Torrence who married Mary Agnes Coleman (Both pictured above.)

Of the original three Torrences who came from England one group settled in Pennsylvania, one in Missouri and the third, Moses, settled in Virginia. One of Moses' great grandchildren was Alfred Early Torrence who settled in Appomattox County.

The descendants of Alfred and Agnes Torrence **Living In Appomattox Today** include: Son: Jesse Torrence. Grandchildren: Elliott Torrence, Verne Torrence, Thelma Conner, Harold Morris, Bertha Dickerson, Lorene Richardson, Allen Torrence, Charles Torrence, Francis Conner, Mildred Alvis, Gus Torrence and Betty Webb.

Great Grandchildren: Dennis Torrence, Mike Torrence, Sheila Torrence, Buddy Conner, June Thornhill, Bonnie Repass, Margie Bea Souve, Helen Faye Coleman, Catherine Robertson, Frank Torrence, Delores Torrence, Linda Torrence, Aileen Torrence, James Torrence, Mary Garris, Sonny Conner, Allen, Carol Steele.

Great Great Grandchildren: Zane Torrence, Micah Torrence, Darryl Conner, Cheryl Conner, Donnie Thornhill, Ronald Thornhill, Sherri Repass, Stephanie Steele, Monica Steele, Robert Steele, Kathy Garris, Kay Garris, Bryant Garris, Steve Conner, Richard Conner, Nelwyn Morris, Keith Coleman, Sandra Martin.

Great Great Great Grandchildren: Roxanne Martin and Julie Martin.

As of August 17, 1975 this writer will begin duty as the Assistant Historian at Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Military Park in northwestern Georgia. Thus, this week's article will be the last of thirty consecutive weekly articles published under the by-line, "Appomattox County . . . Yesterday and Today". If it has proven to be an interesting and educational column for its readers, then I am most gratified. It has indeed been a most rewarding experience to write the column and share with so many others the history and heritage of Appomattox County.

Though time and space do not permit me to thank all of the many wonderful people of the County who have made this column, as well as the Ghiotos' stay here, such as memorable and enjoyable one, I would like to especially thank Messrs. Lloyd and Franklin Vaughan and their excellent staffs at the Times-Virginian. Without their assistance the article obviously would never have become a reality.

To all our friends, my wife and I express sincere thanks for the many kindnesses shown us during our residence here. For us, Appomattox will always mean fond memories of special people, places and events.

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LOOKING BACK

1. Carson's Mill was located here.
A.) Oakville B.) Wreck Island C.) Vera D.) Evergreen
2. Snapp's Mill was located on:
A.) Bent Creek B.) Appomattox R. C.) Buck Creek D.) James R.
3. Anderson's Mill was located on:
A.) Appomattox R. B.) Swanney Creek C.) Slate River D.) Bent Creek
4. North's Mill was located on:
A.) Reedy Creek B.) Falling R. C.) Jennings Creek D.) North Creek
5. Andrew White's Mill was located at:
A.) Red House B.) Spout Spring C.) Bent Creek D.) Stone Wall

ANSWERS:
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2) D
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